

**Columbus Consolidated Government
Council Meeting Agenda Item**

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) FY 2024 Grant
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to apply for and accept if awarded, a U.S. Department of Justice COPS grant award, in the amount of \$908,000, or as otherwise awarded, for crime reduction technology, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.
INITIATED BY:	Sheriff's Department

Recommendation: Approval is requested to apply for and accept if awarded, a U.S. Department of Justice COPS grant award, in the amount of \$908,000, or as otherwise awarded, for crime reduction technology, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

Background: Muscogee County Sheriff's Office will use the total funding for crime reduction efforts with the purchase of innovative technology to help decrease crime. Therefore, helping area law enforcement to apprehend violent criminals before they can commit other crimes. The grant does not include funding for salaries.

Analysis: The MCSO is seeking to purchase crime-fighting technology to assist the efforts of criminals in Muscogee County and other outlying counties who need assistance from the MCSO or our law enforcement partners.

Financial Considerations: There is no local match required. These funds help with the costs of technology and equipment for the Muscogee County Sheriff's Office.

Legal Considerations: The Muscogee County Sheriff's Office is eligible to receive these funds and will be bound by the conditions of the grant contract.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to apply for and accept, if awarded, a U.S. Department of Justice COPS grant award, in the amount of \$908,000, or as otherwise awarded, for crime reduction technology, with no local match required, and amend the Multi-governmental Fund budget by the amount of the award.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION AND ACCEPTANCE, IF AWARDED, FISCAL YEAR 2024 FUNDING FROM A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES GRANT, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$908,000, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, WITH NO LOCAL MATCH REQUIRED, AND AMEND THE MULTI-GOVERNMENTAL FUND BY THE AMOUNT AWARDED.

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) has funding available to the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office through the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42) as a grant funding recipient under the FY 2024 COPS Technology Program; and,

WHEREAS, Funding has been designated in the estimated amount of \$908,000 to the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office for the following technology project: “Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office Violent Crime Reduction Initiative.”; and ,

WHEREAS, the funding will be used in crime reduction strategies for crime reduction initiatives by the Muscogee County Sheriff’s Office in conjunction with local, state, and federal partners to help reduce crime and interrupt criminal enterprises.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager, the Mayor, or their designee is authorized to apply for and accept, if awarded, an Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$908,0000, or as otherwise awarded, with no local match required and amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount awarded.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the ____ day of _____, 2024, and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ____ members of said Council.

Councilor Allen voting	_____
Councilor Begly voting	_____
Councilor Cogle voting	_____
Councilor Crabb voting	_____
Councilor Davis voting	_____
Councilor Garrett voting	_____
Councilor Huff voting	_____
Councilor Thomas voting	_____
Councilor Tucker voting	_____

Sandra T. Davis, Clerk of Council

B.H. “Skip” Henderson III, Mayor